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The Honorable Natali Fani-González
President, Montgomery County Council
Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, 6th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council President Fani-González and Members of the County Council,

I am writing to express my support for Montgomery Community Media (MCM) and to encourage the Council to continue its support of this important community resource as part of the FY27 budget.

I could talk about the positive impact that MCM has had on the community at large and its storied history within Montgomery County, but I feel what I can provide most is some insight into the way it has positively impacted my life. I started volunteering at MCM when I was only 12 years old in 2014, and worked with them extensively until covid closed down their in person studios. Even though my time volunteering with MCM has been more scarce in recent years due to work, school, and moving away from Montgomery County, the positive impact MCM has had on me is still ever present.

Since moving away from Montgomery County I have worked in a wide variety of digital media avenues, filming sporting events, dance competitions, documentaries, music videos, and even a feature length film. If it wasn't for my time at MCM I don't know if I would have ended up having the career I currently do, and I hope that MCM is able to keep providing this to others for years to come. Please consider MCM in your budget so that other young, aspiring creatives can have a positive space to learn more about the world of digital media production.

Sincerely,

Luke Clarke

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